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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 20 July 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant has not fully responded to the election requirement mailed 23 May 2007. The Applicant elected species "a", and then argues that the species are divided according to exemplary components but not embodiments. The Applicant then states that the "effects of the embodiments in the present application cannot be realized *by use of only one of the components thereof*, i.e. only one of the above species a-d".

However, it appears as though the Applicant has misinterpreted the election requirement. The election requirement mailed 23 May 2007 set forth elements a-d as being components forming the invention. Element (a) is drawn to the inner surface of the track, and includes 4 different subspecies. Element (b) is drawn to the outer surface of the track, and includes 3 different subspecies. Element (c) is drawn to the track connecting member, and includes 10 different subspecies. Element (d) is drawn to the core bar, and includes 9 different subspecies.

The election requirement clearly stated that a single *subspecies* from each of the above categories (i.e. elements a-d) should be elected (along with the claims that correspond to the combination of subspecies). In other words, one of the 4 subspecies of element (a) should be elected, one of the 3 subspecies of element (b) should be elected, one of the 10 subspecies of element (c) should be elected, AND one of the 9 subspecies of element (d) should be elected.

Therefore, the Applicant's election only of element (a) is insufficient.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason R. Bellinger whose telephone number is 571-272-6680. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs (9:00-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Morano can be reached on 571-272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JRB', is written over the printed name and title of the examiner.